

STRAIGHT FROM THE STATEHOUSE

MCGREEVEY HONORED BY R&D COUNCIL

Governor McGreevey was honored by the Research and Development Council of New Jersey with its Chairman's Vision Award in recognition of his commitment to fostering economic growth and promoting research and development throughout the New Jersey.

"As we move forward it is essential for New Jersey to forge a new paradigm – a triangle of partnerships between the private sector, our institutions of higher education, and the State," said the Governor.

The Governor called attention to the efforts of Prosperity New Jersey, which works with the private sector and research university communities, and highlighted the report of the Commission on Health Science, Education and Training, which recently recommended creating a single, research university system in New Jersey.

The Governor also spoke about "Career Academies" which provides businesses with an educated workforce and students with the skills they will need to succeed. He also highlighted the State's commitment to encouraging research and development.

TRANSPORTATION, DRIVERS TOP NEW JERSEY AGENDA

Governor McGreevey, joined by Senator Jon Corzine, Transportation Commissioner James Fox and Bergen County officials pledged that the State will continue to work in partnership with federal representatives to reduce traffic congestion and improve transportation infrastructure throughout New Jersey.

The Governor announced that the State is moving forward with a critical congestion relief project on Route 4 in Bergen County, and is taking a necessary step to bring rail service to the region. This week, NJDOT will receive bids for a \$25 million series of improvements to Route 4 between Paramus and River Edge. The NJ TRANSIT Board of Directors will also vote this week on \$10 million in conceptual engineering contracts to support an environmental analysis of bringing rail service to Bergen County.



Governor McGreevey speaks about transportation in Bergen County.

"As home to nearly twenty malls and major shopping centers, and with an employment base of nearly 500,000, it is imperative that we work with Senators Corzine and Lautenberg to make investments in the regional transportation network. For smart growth to work, we need to concentrate our transportation dollars where congestion and development already exists," said McGreevey.

MCGREEVEY UNVEILS PLAN TO FIX DMV

Governor McGreevey, Transportation Commissioner Fox, and the FIX DMV Commission unveiled a bold plan to overhaul the State agency last week.

"The recommendations of the FIX DMV Commission are the beginning of creating a DMV where the people of New Jersey can conduct their business quickly, efficiently and safely and get the kind of help and respect they need and deserve," said McGreevey.

The report recommends a \$200 million plan that calls for a wide-ranging series of security, customer service and technology improvements, including an end to privatization.

As a result of the DMV's charge and recent national events that have propelled identification verification to the forefront, the Commission made recommendations in three key areas of security, customer service and technology.